

B⁴ On page 11, line 22, please insert the phrase -Brief Description of the Drawings--.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 13, line 17 and ending at page 13, line 27 with the following rewritten paragraph.

B⁵ --After conventional preparation, the 25-OH vitamin D-3□ cyanoethylether is mixed with lithium hydride and the 25-hydroxy group converted into the lithium alcoholate. There follows a reduction of the nitrite with LiAlH_4 , to 25-OH-vitamin-D-3□-3'-amino propylether. This step is quantitative, without by-products arising. Finally there is effected, if necessary, a biotinylation with an active biotinylation reagent such as LC-BHNS (biotinyl -N-ε-amino caproyl-hydroxy-succinimide ester). The resulting spacer group X has, corresponding to the amino caproyl chain, a length of about 0.8 to 0.9 nm.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

14. (Amended) A method of obtaining a vitamin D compound of the formula:

